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DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

Montreal minister to oversee NCC

CAPITAL COMMISSION

Pattern has been to name Ottawa MPs to the post



Michael Woods
Metro|Ottawa

In a break from recent practice, the new Liberal minister in charge of the National Capital Commission is a member of Parliament from outside Ottawa.

Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly, who represents Montreal's Ahuntsic-Cartierville riding, is the minister responsible for the NCC.

Under the Conservative government, the ministers responsible for the NCC hailed

from Ottawa-Gatineau. John Baird was the longest-serving one and Pierre Poilievre and Lawrence Cannon also held the role.

But under prior governments, the heritage minister oversaw the NCC.

The NCC is governed by the National Capital Act, which doesn't require the minister responsible to be from Ottawa. It just requires the person to be a cabinet minister.

Catherine McKenna, the lone Ottawa MP appointed to cabinet and the minister for the environment and climate change, was thought to be the likely choice for the NCC job.

She campaigned on reforming the commission to make it more transparent and its board more representative of the overall Canadian population.

Joly, a lawyer and public re-

+ PURVIEW

Issues to be dealt with:

The NCC is facing some politically thorny matters, such as the controversy around the proposed location for the memorial for the victims of communism near the Supreme Court building.

The redevelopment of LeBreton Flats is another major upcoming issue; the four shortlisted groups are to submit their final proposals by Dec. 15.

lations expert, is also a first-time MP — one of 18 in Trudeau's 30-member cabinet.

Some critics said it would be best if the minister for the NCC hailed from Ottawa. Lisa MacLeod, the Progress-

sive Conservative MPP for Nepean-Carleton, tweeted her displeasure.

"Are you kidding me? NCC Minister is NOT from Ottawa or Gatineau? Unacceptable. Residents of NCR deserve a local leader," she wrote.

But it seems Joly will be working closely with McKenna on NCC issues. She tweeted that it would be a pleasure to work with McKenna and colleagues in the region on bettering the capital.

Mayor Jim Watson said since McKenna is the regional minister for the city, he imagines he'll meet with her more often.

"We'll work with both ministers," Watson said. "Ideally, when I go to see Minister Joly, I'd like Minister McKenna to come with me, or at least a senior member of her staff."

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I'm excited that we are going to be moving forward with a strong opposition with confidence and optimism.
Interim Conservative Party Leader Rona Ambrose

Surrounded by members of caucus, Rona Ambrose speaks after being named as the interim-leader of the Conservative party following a caucus meeting Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper exits, Ambrose steps in

OPPOSITION

Alberta MP set to take on job with new tone, fresh attitude

Alberta MP Rona Ambrose stepped into Stephen Harper's leadership shoes Thursday — albeit on an interim basis — as the Conservatives gathered for the first time since last month's election

demoted them to the official Opposition.

Ambrose, who served as health minister in the last Parliament, had campaigned on a promise to bring a respectful and civil tone to debate in the House of Commons.

"I'm excited that we are going to be moving forward with confidence and optimism," she said, flanked by fellow Conservative caucus members chanting her name in

support.

Ambrose, 46, was first elected to the House of Commons in 2004 and went on to serve in several cabinet posts under Harper.

One personal challenge she faces is her ability to speak French — while she does speak some, she is not fluent. On Thursday, she deferred to caucus colleague Steven Blaney, although she did attempt to answer one question in French.

But the major political task

ahead of Ambrose will be to rebuild the party heading into the eventual formal leadership race, likely still a long way off.

Ambrose said she's confident the party can enter a new era with a new tone and a new attitude, with their sights set on the next election in 2019.

"My colleagues chose me and they put their trust in me," she said. "We feel very optimistic about our chances in the next election." THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ A CIVIL FAREWELL

Harper addressed the start of the meeting Thursday, speaking for about 10 minutes and expressing regret at the party's loss but also talking hopefully about its future. He then left for the remainder of the discussion.

The mood in the room was civil and positive throughout, several current

and former MPs said, with Harper receiving several standing ovations.

Harper, who will continue to serve as an MP for the riding of Calgary Heritage, was set to return to his hometown of Calgary on Thursday night and is expected to largely take a back seat in his caucus going forward.

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THINGS TO DO IN OTTAWA THIS WEEKEND

It's a busy weekend in Ottawa and the perfect opportunity to enjoy some late fall sunshine. There's something to keep you busy every night of the weekend in this round-up. **HALEY RITCHIE METRO**

1 Diwali Gala

Celebrate the Indian festival of lights with Ottawa's Network of Indian Professionals on Friday night from 6:30 p.m. onward at the Ukrainian Banquet Hall. Tickets for non-members are \$50, and the night includes a three-course Indian dinner, drinks, a silent auction, Indian dance and henna painting. Proceeds go to the City for All Women Initiative. **Friday**

**3 Benefit for Somerset Fire**

If you're missing brunch at the Daily Grind, head to Dundonald Park on Sunday for the Tomorrow's Grind fundraiser, a benefit for businesses and tenants displaced by the massive fire on Somerset Street and Percy Street last week. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be a full party in the park, including music, food, face painting and balloons. **Sunday**

2 Privé Night Market

Saturday night at the Shaw Centre Privé offers a chance to eat interesting food and shop for interesting art and products. There will be more than 100 vendors and pop-up shops, with a focus on local products. Entry at the door is \$15 (\$10 advance), and the event goes from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. **Saturday**

**4 Vintage Clothing Show**

Shop like it's the '20s, '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s, etc. — that's the promise the Ottawa Vintage Clothing Show is making for Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Shaw Centre. Admission is \$10, and there will be lots of vendors selling both women's and men's vintage clothing and accessories. **Sunday**

**5 Maker Faire**

Come alone or bring the kids to the Ottawa Maker Faire, an opportunity to explore the "maker movement" of creative people, engineers, tinkerers and inventors. Lansdowne's Aberdeen Pavilion will be full of activities and showcases of emerging technologies. Think science fair for everyone. Tickets for adults are \$10, and the event goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. **All weekend**

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A city rendering shows the pedestrian and cycling bridge which would span the Rideau Canal between Fifth Avenue and Clegg Street. COURTESY CITY OF OTTAWA

Councillor hopes for fed support

INFRASTRUCTURE

Fast-tracked funding would help build footbridge

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

One Ottawa city councillor is hoping to bridge the gap between the Liberals' promise to spend billions of dollars on infrastructure and the capital's long-standing desire for a footbridge between Fifth Avenue and Clegg Street.

"If that can be moved up by a couple of years, that would be fantastic," Capital Coun. David Chernushenko said.

The span would connect the Glebe and Old Ottawa East over the Rideau Canal, offering a more direct route for pedestrians and cyclists who currently use Pretoria or Bank Street. It's considered a key link for active transportation in Ottawa, which reduces congestion and carbon emissions.

The bridge appeared in lo-

cal plans as early as 1915, but it's not scheduled for construction until the early 2020s. With a \$17.5-million price tag, the project will require federal and provincial support.

Enter Catherine McKenna. The rookie MP, and newly anointed environment minister in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet, campaigned mostly on promoting local projects, the footbridge included.

Ottawa East Community Association president John Dance said he was impressed McKenna included the bridge in her priority list. And with the new Liberal government promising to spend heavily on infrastructure, he's hopeful the project's green merits will give it an edge.

"I'm really hoping there's a significant component where they're funding active transportation," Dance said.

Chernushenko certainly thinks the project warrants some attention.

"Moving towards active transportation, a more physically fit population, dealing with congestion, reducing greenhouse gas emissions: it's all there in one relatively small project, but a very symbolic one," he said.

GOVERNMENT

Brison must tackle public service morale: PSAC

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

After promising to restore respect for the public service during the election campaign, the Liberal government immediately got to work Thursday to revitalize a bureaucracy beset by a lack of morale and unions left smarting from an antagonistic relationship with the previous government.

"They need to, quite frankly, rebuild labour relations," said Robyn Benson, national president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC).

The man charged with that task is new Treasury Board President Scott Brison, a veteran Nova Scotia MP and former minister of public works.

"You can't move a progressive agenda for Canada forward without the full engagement and co-operation of your public service," Brison told reporters.

Benson said Brison called her Thursday and the two had what she described as a "pleasant conversation."

"I thought that ... set a really good tone, actually," she said. "I think that it's the start of a new era."

The unions have called on the Liberals to repeal parts of Conservative bills, such as provisions in C-59 that empowers the Treasury Board to impose a new sick leave regime, bypassing the collective bargaining process.

"When we go back into collective bargaining, we want to do so in a free manner; one with respect."

Brison told reporters that the Liberals "take very seriously the need to restore a culture of respect for our public service."

"The previous government gratuitously attacked the public service at every opportunity," he said. "It's hard to be disrespectful publicly and then expect responsible and fair engagement privately."

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IN BRIEF

Canadians not too worried about global warming: Poll

A new global survey of attitudes toward climate change suggests Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will have a fine line to walk at an upcoming international conference on the issue in Paris.

The study from the Pew Research Centre found Canada is among the 40 countries where most people agree that global warming is a very serious problem.

But at 51 per cent, that

describes only a slim majority of Canadians. The global median was 54 per cent.

The research also suggests Canadians are among the least worried on the planet that climate change will affect them personally.

The study surveyed more than 45,000 people around the world last May, including about 1,000 in Canada.

It is considered accurate within 3.6 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ready for men's World Cup

FIFA

Women's event raised almost \$500M, double projections

Emma Jackson
Metro|Ottawa

A record-breaking FIFA Women's World Cup this summer has convinced Canada's soccer association that it's ready to bring the biggest match in the world to Canada — and possibly Ottawa.

"Our country has hosted every FIFA competition there is ... except one, and that's the FIFA Men's World Cup," said CEO Peter Montopoli on Thursday.

He joined Mayor Jim Watson to celebrate the success of the women's competition, hosted in six Canadian cities including Ottawa, in June and July.

The event generated \$493.6 million in economic activity across the country — nearly double the projections — and

+ IMPACT

Scoring Big

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2015, along with the U-20 competition in 2014, had a big impact on host cities and the country:

- Hotels welcomed 174,000 spectators who stayed at least one night. Fifty per cent of all FIFA fans were out-of-town visitors.
- Even day travellers spent an average of \$162. In total, \$93 million was spent in the tourist sector.
- More than 2,500 volunteers representing 100 nationalities contributed 153,000 hours of their time throughout the month-long event.
- 18 FIFA 2-star training fields were added across the country, including three in Ottawa. METRO

\$28.6 million in the capital.

It also set a new attendance record for any FIFA event other than the men's World Cup, welcoming 1.35 million



Thailand plays Norway during the FIFA Women's World Cup in Ottawa on June 7.

JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

fans. About 96,600 Americans crossed the border to see games. In Ottawa, 189,000 fans attended six games hosted here.

The stats prove Canada Soccer is ready to host the holy grail of soccer matches in 2026, Montopoli said.

"We really believe it's our

time," he said. "We're the only G8 country in the world to not have hosted the men's World Cup, so it's our time to get our name in the hat."

Mining

Plan to tax mineral scared off U.S. company: Tories

Ontario's Opposition says a Liberal plan to tax the mineral chromite prompted Cliffs Natural Resources to pull out of the Ring of Fire mining project in the province's north.

The U.S.-based Cliffs withdrew from the Ring of Fire, a region 540 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay rich in copper, nickel, platinum and chromite, which is essential for making stainless steel.

The company, which spent \$550 million to buy land in the area, was in negotiations with the Ontario government for a \$3.3-billion capital investment to develop the Ring of Fire until it pulled out last spring.

Documents revealed the province wanted to impose a royalty on chromite mined by Cliffs of between \$6.6 million and \$34.4 million a year.

Progressive Conservative finance critic Vic Fedeli says the documents prove that the chromite tax drove Cliffs to abandon the Ring of Fire. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cycling

Share fatality reviews: Councillor

Somerset Coun. Catherine McKenney hopes to eliminate cycling deaths by changing how the city reviews fatal collisions.

At a transportation committee meeting Wednesday, the downtown councillor asked staff to explain the current review process, with the hope of following other municipalities who have a zero-death goal.

It's achievable, in theory: A 2012 coroner's report concluded all 129 cycling deaths between 2006 and 2010 were preventable.

The city does review fatal accidents to see if city infrastructure, signage or street design contributed, said Coun. David Chernushenko. But recommendations from those reviews — and if they're acted on — are not made public.

Citizens for Safe Cycling vice-president Alex deVries said the city might make changes after a fatality, but no one knows.

"The impression is nothing is happening," he said.

McKenney said she'd like a review's final recommenda-

tions to be made public. Then the action has to follow.

"What is important is (the recommendations) lead to some change that can prevent deaths at that location," she said.

It's not about finding fault, she added, but about making streets safer for all users.

"We all make mistakes," she said. "But if you're a pedestrian or a cyclist, you're the most vulnerable user on the street."

McKenney expects staff to respond next month.

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One of Ottawa's royal swans soaks up the sun Thursday in Strathcona Park. **HALEY RITCHIE/METRO**

City pulls plug on 'Swantanamo Bay'

BIRDS

Montreal facility to now house swans for winter



**Haley
Ritchie**
Metro | Ottawa

Thursday was the last chance to see the six pairs of royal swans along the Rideau River until the spring. They're going away for the winter — but not back to the aging facility animal rights activists once dubbed "Swantanamo Bay."

A memo circulated to councilors on Wednesday said the structure at Leitrim Road had finally "reached the end of its life cycle."

"It's a wooden structure,

there's rotting in the walls, the roof is at a point where we fear it could cave in due to heavy snow loads," said manager of parks Laila Gibbons.

The rotten barn is certainly not appropriate for royalty — so city staff was tasked earlier in the year with finding a new home for the birds.

They settled on Parc Safari, a zoo outside Montreal that closes in the winter and is fully equipped to care for the swans. It was carefully selected based on animal care standards. The current agreement is a two-year contract.

Gibbons said building a new structure to house them inside Ottawa would cost around half a million dollars.

"Just the climate we're in now, to ask for the capital funding, we didn't think it was appropriate," she said. "This has given us some time to potentially look for official

sponsorship."

The city will be paying Parc Safari \$22,000 to care for the swans until the spring, comparable to the cost of the program in previous years, according to Gibbons.

"It could potentially be a long-term agreement," said Gibbons.

In 1967, six pairs of white swans were gifted to the city by Queen Elizabeth to celebrate Canada's 100th birthday. Half of the original swans were traded with the Montreal Zoo in exchange for six Australian Black swans.

"I think people just love that history that you can see along the river. They're beautiful when you see them and it's part of the history of Ottawa," said Gibbons.

The last original swan died in 2004. The pairs now on the river are the descendants of the original black and white swans.

SCHOOLS

Teens face charges in more bomb threats

Four teens from western Quebec charged over threats against schools in their area now are accused in connection with a spate of bomb threats against schools in Quebec and Ontario earlier this week.

Quebec provincial police Capt. Guy Lapointe says each of the teens now faces charges of uttering threats, conspiracy and conveying false messages.

Lapointe says no explosive devices were found in the search of nearly 80 primary

and secondary schools and junior colleges after threatening emails were sent Tuesday.

The teens, ages 16 and 17, were arrested Wednesday on mischief charges in connection with threats that took place one week ago in schools in the Gatineau and Ottawa area.

Lapointe says provincial police now are linking the four teens to the larger threat this week.

Police say other arrests could be made. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

IN BRIEF

Alleged fraudster turns himself in to police

An alleged fraudster who agreed to do roofing work on unsuspecting victims and then never did the work has been arrested.

Police say Philip Slobodzin, 44, turned himself in Thursday morning.

He is charged with two counts of fraud under \$5,000 and two counts of possession of proceeds of crime.

Slobodzin had been scheduled to appear in court Thursday to face the charges. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**



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Boo-zy pairing: Beer and candy

HOW SWEET IT IS

A few post-Halloween pairings for Ottawa brews

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Jordan Duff



You may be thinking, “Halloween was last week. Doesn’t this guy own a calendar?” I’m aware this may seem late. But I’m purposely offering up these candy-and-beer pairings because now is precisely the time when you’ve reached peak candy access, whether that’s because you pilfered your kids’ trick-or-treating spoils or scored cheap goodies at a post-Halloween sale.

With that in mind, here are some candy-and-beer pairings provided by local beer and food experts to help clear out those excess sweets.

Rockets + Beyond the Pale’s Pink Fuzz

Unroll a cellophane package of these pressed powder pods and pour a pint of Pink Fuzz. The bright, crisp and big citrus flavours play well with the tangy side of the rockets. This combination guarantees lift-off.

Kettle Corn + Big Rig Brewery’s Scotch Ale

After you cram as many

of the sweet, salty and crunchy tidbits in your mouth as possible, nothing pairs better than the robust, caramel-laden Scotch Ale from Big Rig. This big-bodied beer will make the next bite of caramel corn “pop” before it complements the sugary sweetness.

Coffee Crisp + Covered Bridge Brewing’s Double Double

Not only are notes of coffee and chocolate evident through the malt profile of this beer, brewers also double it up and add real chocolate and coffee. If adults went trick-or-treating, bottles of this brew would be handed out. The perfect pairing for this big beer is its chocolate-bar equivalent: Coffee Crisp.

Chocolate Bars + Beyond the Pale’s Darkerness

Chocolate. If you decide to eat it, you are inevitably feeling indulgent. To enhance that silky flavour, you need a beer that is as over-the-top delicious and indulgent. Beyond the Pale’s Darkerness (Darkness’ big brother) fits the bill perfectly: cocoa and robust coffee notes are the backbone to this remarkably smooth imperial. Pair it with any rich chocolate treat: Reese’s, cookies and cream, Wunderbar, Kit Kat, etc. This chocolate and Darkerness pairing is so luxurious it should be enjoyed wearing a bathrobe while reclining on a bear-

skin rug.

Candy Corn + Tooth and Nail Brewing Company’s Stamina

Try this new Belgian-style brew with this old-fashioned candy. Lifted tropical, floral and spice aromas with a dry refreshing finish is a great way to cleanse the palate after a handful of the unique sweetness that is candy corn.

Tiny Bags of Chips + Kichesippi Beer Company’s Blonde

Ah, chips. The bane of my youthful trick-or-treating career. So space consuming, so rarely still-inflated by night’s end. The clean simplicity of Kich’s Blonde satisfies the salty desire created by the Humpty Dumpties. I dare you to call this a cop-out pairing!

Pumpkin Spice Macarons from Quelque Chose Pâtisserie + Broadhead Brewing Company’s Grindstone Amber Ale

This marriage is for the haute candy crowd. The pairing works because the amber ale is very middle-of-the-road: not too hoppy, malty or overwhelmingly alcoholic that it overpowers the pumpkin spice flavours of the macaron. The beer also brings out a nice biscuity flavour in the macaron that is otherwise difficult to detect. As a bonus, it helps that both the macarons and the beer can be orange!

+ EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Local Hop-penings

- Beyond the Pale will soon be celebrating its third anniversary. Check out its Facebook page for details on its Nov. 28 birthday party.
- Brew Donkey beer tours is also celebrating two years

in business and is offering several special Day of the Donkey 2 tours.

- Get your James Bond on: Martini Madness is taking place Nov. 13 in support of Crohn’s and Colitis Canada at Lago’s Bar & Grill.

- The Taverns and Trouble Makers exhibit at the Ottawa Archives explores the history of prohibition and temperance in Ottawa. It’s open until March and certainly worth checking out.

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IN BRIEF**Canada signs several side deals amid TPP text release**

Canada has signed almost two dozen side letters with its trading partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, including an agreement with the United States to combat illicit trade.

Canada also has a side agreement with Japan that appears to protect the exports of British Columbia logs, a key sticking point between the two countries. The letters were released as the text of the broader TPP agreement, finalized Oct. 5 by a dozen Pacific Rim countries, was released Thursday by the New Zealand government.

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Trudeau loosens reins on diplomats

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has unshackled his top diplomats. Trudeau sent a letter Wednesday to the ambassadors and high commissioners of Canada's foreign missions telling them he and his cabinet will be relying on their judgment and insight to advance Canada's foreign-policy goals.

The letter marks a reversal of the strict message control that Harper imposed on his top diplomats over much of the past decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Puppet maker boosting political engagement

Textile artist Gabe Thirlwall started a collection of handmade political finger puppets after moving to Ottawa eight years ago as a way to encourage political engagement. Now she's thinking about a redesign to turn the long-haired, open-shirted Justin Trudeau puppet into one that better resembles Canada's 23rd prime minister.

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Power stays top-heavy

REFORM ACT

Liberal MPs defer decision to dilute PM's influence

Newly minted Liberal MPs have passed on their chance to give backbenchers more clout and dilute the powers of their leader.

Under the Reform Act passed by all parties last spring — and supported by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — each party's MPs were supposed to choose at their first caucus meeting after an election whether to adopt rules aimed at rebalancing power between MPs and their leaders.

Among other things, the rules would allow backbenchers to trigger a leadership review and potentially to oust their leader altogether.

But at their first caucus meeting Thursday, Liberal MPs chose unanimously to defer a decision on the rules until party members could weigh in on the matter at a national convention scheduled for late May.

"A number of the elements that were proposed in the Reform Act, in our view, weaken the role of the membership of the party," government House leader Dominic LeBlanc said following the caucus meeting.

"Our leader was not selected simply by a vote in caucus. Our leader was selected by an open, democratic process of members ... and supporters. So we didn't think it was appropriate at the first meeting of a new caucus to do something that would massively change the authority and the leadership that we've vested in the volunteers and the members of our party."

MPs agreed unanimously



Trudeau holds his first caucus meeting on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

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+ THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL**Trudeau triumphs over Trump in Forbes ranking**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is the 69th most powerful person in the world, according to Forbes magazine.

The newly elected Liberal leader is three places above U.S. Republican presidential

candidate Donald Trump in the annual list.

Stephen Harper did not feature in 2014.

Russian president Vladimir Putin has the top spot this year, ahead of the chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, and U.S. President Barack Obama. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

that such a dramatic change should only be approved by delegates to the next national convention, he added.

The decision to defer the matter came even as Trudeau is promising to empower MPs

from all parties, bolster parliamentary committees and reverse the centralization of power in the Prime Minister's Office.

The Reform Act was the brainchild of Conservative

backbencher Michael Chong, who watered down a number of his original proposals in order to win all-party support, including adding the caucus opt-in provision.

For a caucus that opts in, the act specifies that a leadership review vote can be triggered if 20 per cent or more of a party's MPs request it. A subsequent majority vote by MPs against a leader would be sufficient to force a leadership contest.

The act also gives MPs the power to decide if an errant colleague should be expelled from or readmitted to their caucus, something traditionally the exclusive preserve of the leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEDIA

'Because it's 2015' grabbing headlines

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's succinct "because it's 2015" explanation of his new, half-female cabinet has attracted international attention.

The New York Times, Newsweek, Slate, the NBC Nightly News website and various other U.S. news organizations reported on Trudeau's swearing-in on Wednesday, including his retort to a reporter when asked why having a cabinet with an equal number of men and women was important to him.

Newsweek cited a United Nations study to note that with Trudeau's gender-equal cabinet, Canada will now rank No. 4 in the world in terms of percentage of women in ministerial positions, tied with France and Liechtenstein. It was previously in 20th place, according to the UN Women report. Finland is No. 1.

Even some celebrities waxed poetic.

"Why a gender balanced/50:50 government? 'Because it's 2015'! Coolest thing I've seen in a while. Love U Canada," actress Emma Watson, of Harry Potter fame, wrote on Twitter.

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He's picked 15 men and 15 women — the first gender-balanced ministerial team in the country's history.

Excerpt from Britain's Telegraph

NOVA SCOTIA

Minister dismissed from cabinet

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil says Environment Minister Andrew Younger has been relieved of his duties and kicked out of the governing Liberal caucus.

Thursday night's announcement came after Younger didn't show up to testify at a trial for a woman who was accused of assaulting him.

Younger says he didn't appear in court because of a law that states sitting members of the legislature cannot be called to testify in civil and criminal matters without being asked

to waive the exemption.

The judge dropped the charge against Tara Gault, who pleaded not guilty to the charge stemming from an alleged assault on or about Oct. 22, 2013, the day the Liberal government took power after the last provincial election.

McNeil says Younger did not give him accurate information about the situation and he wanted to make sure Nova Scotians have not been misled.

He says he has lost confidence in Younger. "There's a level of trust — if your em-



Andrew Younger
THE CANADIAN PRESS

ployer was asking questions, they would expect you to give forthright (answers)," McNeil said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STATISTICS

Liberals follow through with reinstating long-form census

The new Liberal government is making good on a promise to resurrect the mandatory, long-form census killed off by the Conservatives but is vague on the details of how it plans to persuade Canadians to fill it out.

The long-form component of the 2011 questionnaire was axed by Stephen Harper's government, which called it intrusive to threaten people with fines and jail time for not answering personal questions — a nod to the party's libertar-



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ian base.

The Conservatives replaced the long-form census with the National Household Survey. The

response rate declined from 93.5 per cent in 2006 to 68.6 per cent in 2011.

The new Liberal government, however, is giving priority to evidence-based decision-making instead of ideology, said Navdeep Bains, the minister of innovation, science and economic development.

"Today, Canadians are reclaiming their right to accurate and more reliable information," Bains told a news conference.

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Migrants will number three million by 2016: EU

GLOBAL POLITICS

Nations want flexibility in spending during crisis

The European Union is predicting that 3 million migrants could arrive in the 28-nation bloc by the end of next year, with the refugee emergency already proving a stern test of EU border and reception capacities.

The arrivals are imposing costs for shelter, rescue operations and border security, but the EU estimates that the refugees are likely to bring economic benefits within a few years, notably in Germany, one of the preferred destinations for many people.

EU autumn economic forecasts released on Thursday show that based on current migrant entries and a "technical assumption" about future flows, arrival rates for migrants are unlikely to slow before 2017.

Despite the figures of refugee increases, the European Commission predicted that the population across the 28 EU nations would only rise by about 0.4 per cent. No obvious impact on employment levels is likely, it said.

"You cannot say that this influx of refugees is likely to have a negative impact, or some

700K

More than 700,000 people have come to Europe seeking sanctuary or jobs so far this year.

kind of a shift of kicking other people out of the labour market," the EU's top economics and finance official, Pierre

Moscovici, said.

However the EU said the real impact on national budgets is difficult to predict, given a lack of complete and reliable data about exactly who is arriving in the bloc and whether they

are staying.

Most people are arriving in Europe through Italy and Greece, while Hungary and Austria have been affected by heavy migrant flows. Germany and Sweden are also feeling the impact.

Those nations, among others, want the EU to apply its budget rules with flexibility, taking into account Europe's biggest refugee emergency in well over half a century, and avoid reprimanding member states for excessive spending and deficits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONSERVATION

Rhino arrives safely

A U.S.-born Sumatran rhino ate leaves and wallowed in mud at an Indonesian sanctuary Thursday as the U.S. formally handed over the animal in hopes he will have offspring and help save his critically endangered species from extinction.

The eight-year-old rhino is now in quarantine at Way Kambas National Park after travelling more than 16,000 kilometres from a zoo in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

U.S. consular official Robert Ewing delivered the 1,800-pound rhino to Tachrir Fathoni, director general for Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystem at Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry, in a ceremony at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in the park in Lampung province.

"Thank you so much for the warm kindness (of the American people) for allowing the return of the one and only (Sumatran) rhino in the U.S.," Fathoni said.

Ewing noted the importance of Indonesia's biodiversity and the environment not just to Indonesians but to the world. It is hoped that Harapan can mate with one or more of the three females at Way Kambas.

An estimated 100 Sumatran rhinos, also known as the "hairy rhino," remain in the world and nine are in captivity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Harapan the Sumatran rhino
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MYANMAR ELECTIONS

'It's a very simple message'

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Thursday that she will be the true power above the country's president if her party wins historic elections this Sunday, circumventing a constitutional clause that bars her from the top job.

"It's a very simple message," Suu Kyi said, when reporters pressed her to explain what she meant. While another member of her National League for Democracy party would hold the presidential title, "I'll be above the president... I'll run the government." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Aung San Suu Kyi speaks

Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the media at a press conference at her home in Yangon, Myanmar. MARK BAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

2 National League for Democracy

Supporters of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy hold up their hands during a NLD rally in Yangon. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

3 Rally in Yangon

While the NLD party is expected to triumph at key elections this year, Suu Kyi's pathway to the presidency is blocked by a clause in Myanmar's constitution. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

CORRUPTION

'Horrendous' waste revealed in Kenya

Hand-pushed wheelbarrows have been purchased at \$1,000 each. A government ministry bought ball-point pens that usually cost 10 cents for \$85 apiece and a laptop and desktop computer for \$11,000.

A parliamentary committee in Kenya charged with oversight on government is investigating these and other "hor-

rendous" instances of waste of public funds through corruption, Nicholas Gumbo, the committee chairman, said on Thursday.

Many Kenyans are outraged at hearing about the depth of corruption, with almost daily revelation of graft reported on TV and radio newscasts about the hearings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It's like a free-for-all.
Nicholas Gumbo

IN BRIEF

Former Justice Minister linked to 2014 shootings

Ukraine's Security Service says former Justice Minister Olena Lukash has been detained in connection with a probe into deadly shootings during opposition protests in 2014.

More than a hundred people were killed on and around Kyiv's central Independence Square (also called the Maidan) on Feb. 18-20, 2014, in sniper fire coming from nearby rooftops and windows. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

METROJET

Russia, Egypt dismiss theory that bomb caused plane crash

Five days after a Russian jetliner broke apart high above the Sinai, Russia and Egypt on Thursday dismissed Western suggestions that a terrorist bomb may have caused the crash that killed 224 people, saying the speculation was a rush to judgment.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, who spoke to the presidents of both countries in the very public dispute, said he had grounded all British flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula because of "intelligence

and information" indicating a bomb was the probable reason a Metrojet Airbus A321-200 plane had crashed in the desert.

"We don't know for certain that it was a terrorist bomb ... (but it's a) strong possibility," Cameron said.

If Britain had information about a bomb on the plane, it's "really shocking" that hasn't been shared with Russia, said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova.

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+ SPECULATION

President Obama reacts

President Barack Obama said the U.S. was taking "very seriously" the possibility that a bomb brought down the plane. ISIL claimed responsibility for bringing down the plane, but Russian and Egyptian officials say the claim was not credible.

Weak loonie shouldn't mean staying home

TRAVEL

Tour firms offer bonuses for quick sale of packages

A weaker loonie means the price for Canadians to escape the snow and ice for the warmth of the sun this winter is going to be more costly than it has been in recent years.

But travel experts say that planning ahead and starting your search for the perfect beach holiday now will save you money.

Travel agent Omar Guechtal of the Flight Centre travel agency says booking early is the surest way to save this year.

He says tour companies have been looking to sell out their packages as early as possible.

"So what they've done is they've incentivized their packages with early booking bonuses, reduced deposits, added



All-inclusive vacations limit out-of-pocket expenses in U.S. dollars on the trip. CONTRIBUTED

perks, free seat selection or other bonuses that you can get by booking early."

Guechtal says tour companies sign contracts for hotels and flights negotiated in U.S. dollars, even though the packages they sell are priced in Canadian currency.

Choosing an all-inclusive

vacation or a cruise can be another way to save because you will limit the out-of-pocket expenses you might have to pay while on your trip.

In addition to booking early, Guechtal says Canadians can also look to save money by paying for amusement park tickets or extra excursions

that may not be included in an all-inclusive package ahead of time.

If you can pay in Canadian dollars before leaving you may avoid costly credit card foreign exchange fees or surcharges that come with using bank machines to withdraw cash.

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INVESTING

Five provinces ease crowdfunding rules

Five of Canada's securities regulators have released a joint policy that makes it possible for businesses and individuals in five provinces to raise money and sell stakes in their businesses through crowdfunding.

Websites like Kickstarter, Indiegogo and Patreon have made it easier for U.S. entrepreneurs to raise money from large numbers of people at a time. Unlike those crowdfunding platforms, which provide no equity in the ensuing product, the new rules pave the way for Canadian businesses to use

crowdfunding to sell equity.

Now Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have exempted crowdfunding from some of the requirements of traditional fundraising methods such as an IPO. Crowdfunding platforms will have to meet certain criteria in order to register as a funding portal, and will be responsible for background checks and other due diligence.

Investors will be limited in how much they can invest relative to their income and net worth.

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IN BRIEF

Telus cutting 1,500 jobs

Wireless provider Telus Corp. is cutting 1,500 positions, saving as much as \$125 million each year. At the same time, Telus told shareholders it would raise their dividend payments by five per cent to 44 cents per share, starting in January.

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INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING

Hydro One makes solid debut

Hydro One made a solid debut Thursday on the Toronto stock market in one of the largest initial public offerings in Canada in 15 years, even as controversy continued to swirl over the Ontario government's plan to partially sell the giant transmission utility.

The company's stock closed at \$21.62, up 5.46 per cent or \$1.12 from the IPO price of \$20.50, with more than 18 million shares sold.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa said he was pleased



Hydro One shares rose above its IPO price on its first day on the TSX. THE CANADIAN PRESS

to see the offering of Hydro One shares was being "well-received" on the markets.

The government plans to use the estimated \$1.66 billion generated by selling 13.6 per cent of its stake in Hydro One to help fund transit and infrastructure projects. The sale of 81.1 million shares is the first step in the government's plan to gradually part ways with 60 per cent of the electrical utility behemoth.

Three more offerings, roughly the same size, are expected to follow, which are anticipated to generate a total of \$9 billion.

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ENERGY EAST PIPELINE

Quebec export terminal nixed

Quebec will no longer host an oil export terminal for TransCanada's controversial Energy East Pipeline, the Calgary-based company announced Thursday.

Six months after abandoning a proposal to build a terminal northeast of Quebec City, TransCanada said it would amend its proposal to the National Energy Board to include a new route for the pipeline.

The company made the decision after "conducting thorough studies and consulting

+ THE ROUTE

Endpoint is Saint John

TransCanada plans to build a 4,600-kilometre pipeline to transport 1.1 million barrels of Alberta crude as far east as Saint John, N.B., home to Irving Oil's massive refinery and the only planned export terminal for the project.

Energy East president John Soini said in an interview.

The pipeline is unpopular in Quebec and served as political fodder during the recent federal election campaign for the anti-Energy East Bloc Quebecois.

While ditching plans to export crude from Quebec, TransCanada said it will ensure refineries in Montreal and Quebec City are still able to access domestic crude from Energy East.

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metroview

Liberal-arts majors have a kindred spirit in the prime minister

Liberal-arts majors, rejoice. You've got a prime minister in your ranks.

The situation reminds me of this thing I had about bananas when I was a kid. One day, I ate a banana, and then when I lay on my stomach and tried to touch my toes to my head, I succeeded. It was an early ah-ha moment, and I continued to eat bananas before trying to touch my toes to my head until I lost interest. But it was a sad day, years later, when I ate a banana and broke my back.

So, Justin Trudeau may have a bachelor's degree in literature from McGill and one in education from the University of British Columbia, but he didn't win by investing in his education: he won by investing in being a Trudeau and then running a damn fine campaign.

That's not to say there's nothing of benefit to a banana, or an arts degree. In fact, Trudeau's education appears to be playing a role in his leadership style.

Take his exhaustive attention to ensuring a diversity of voices — plurality being an ethic at the heart of liberal arts — via the most diverse cabinet we've ever seen. And before you scream "Quota!" let's note that pundits are generally cheering the ministers' depth of experience in their respective portfolios, bemoaning only — if anything

— that some lack experience in politics.

Take also Trudeau's keen sense of dramatic scene-setting. The tedium of a swearing-in ceremony (watching 30 people repeat the same words and shake the same hands) became a jaunty celebration for the masses gathered outside Rideau Hall, drawing comparisons to the Kennedys' Camelot. If it is just political propaganda, it's of the public-inclusive, liberal-arts variety.

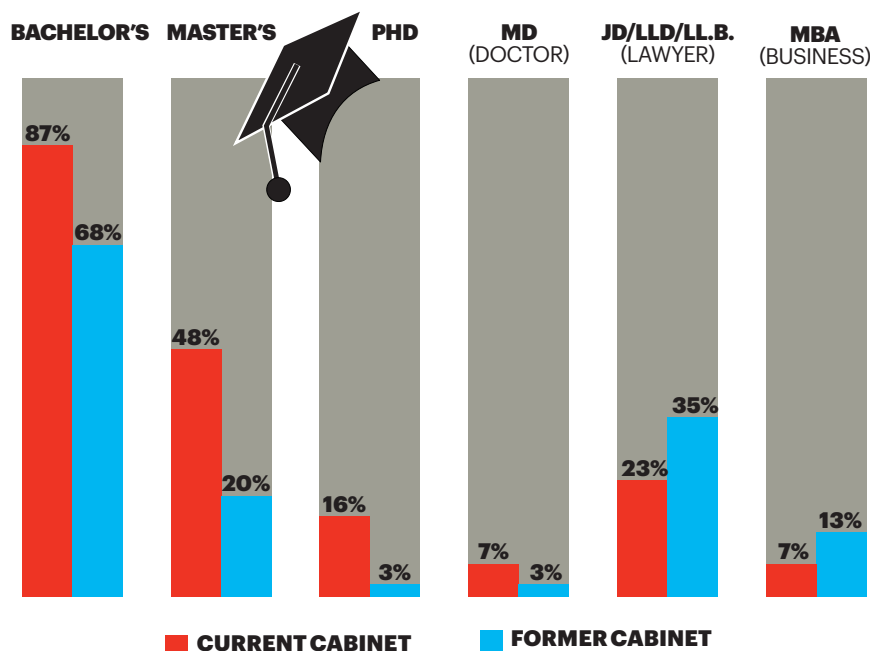
He made the connection himself, to school-aged kids, telling them his education degree informed his plans to "listen as much as he speaks" and be a mentor-prime minister, helping the cabinet members and Canadians "solve those challenges and get their answers."

Of course, personality informs leadership. And it's also not always true that degrees predict a prime minister's leadership style. Last time, we got an economist who ran the country based on ideology and hated data so much that he cut the long-form census and hollowed out science libraries.

But don't worry: the census is back. Which means that if you do happen to have an arts degree, and you do wonder what that means for your career prospects over time, just keep an eye on Statistics Canada. It'll be tracking that.

THE BIG THING: THE STACKED CABINET

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been packing his front bench with a high-powered cast of highly qualified MPs — a lieutenant-colonel, a CEO, an astronaut — but how does the expertise in the new, leaner 31-seat cabinet compare to the 40-member team the Conservatives had when the writ dropped in August? We crunched the numbers on members' scholastic success, then and now.



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CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

KIRSTY DUNCAN
MINISTER OF SCIENCE
Holds a Ph.D. in geography; member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007

JANE PHILPOTT
MINISTER OF HEALTH
Family physician for more than 25 years, including nine in West Africa; holds a master's degree in public health

JOHN McCALLUM
MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP
Former chief economist of the Royal Bank of Canada and dean of arts at McGill University

When we legalize pot, let's be chill about it



Diane Baker Mason
For Metro

In the opening scene of the 1994 film *Pulp Fiction*, two affable hired killers discuss the legalization of marijuana. Vincent (the well-travelled one) tries to distill the complicated Dutch hash-bar laws by describing pot as "legal but not 100 per cent legal." You can own it, he explains, and you can smoke it, but you can't buy or sell it. His companion

Sound, enforceable legislation will take thought, care and time.

is baffled. Why does it have to be so complicated?

Why indeed? While this scene from a 20-year-old movie remains applicable to many Canadians' contemporary understanding of cannabis users (that they are criminals using a dangerous drug), most Canadians believe that pot should be legalized. Many point to the relative harmlessness of the drug and to its many medical uses. Those benefits were recognized in Canada by the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations issued by Health Canada in 2013, a narrow decriminalization that took years of legislative caterwauling to bring into force. Since then, there's been no serious chance of further decriminalization. At least, until now.

Now that we have our

shiny new prime minister, the issue of legalizing pot is again being passed around. Legal, regulated use is now only a matter of time, although Trudeau cannot say how much time. When asked recently, he indicated it could take years to draft, create and implement the new regulatory scheme. After decades of debate — during which many other jurisdictions globally have decriminalized and even completely legalized cannabis — are we in for another long wait?

Probably. Legalizing pot is not simply a matter of amending the Criminal Code, as Pierre Trudeau's government did in 1968, removing prohibitions against homosexuality and birth control. Pot smoking has an intoxicating effect (obviously), and there

do need to be controls on its use and sale. The nature and scope of the controls need to be identified and legislated. Then there is the tax revenue: an entire legislative scheme of collection, reporting and distribution. There's far more to it than just declaring pot to be "legal but not 100% legal."

Sound, enforceable legislation will take thought, care and time. Legalization is on the new government's agenda. At this point, there is no reason to keep asking the PM when pot will be legalized. The legislation will come in time. In the meantime, we should all just chill out.

And if you have difficulty chilling? Well, I know a guy...

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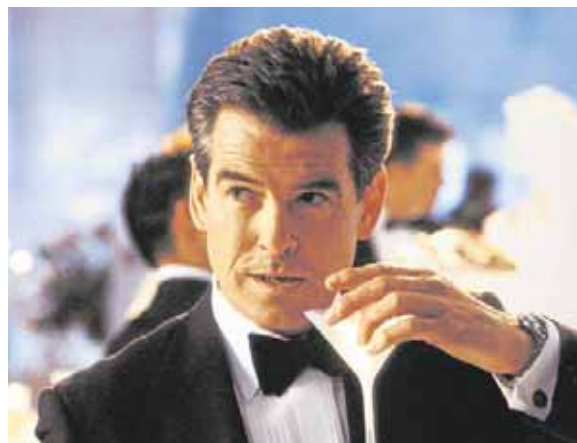
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While most people would say Sean Connery made the best 007, Richard Crouse's vote goes to Roger Moore. Daniel Craig is also a popular choice, while 1990s leading man Pierce Brosnan seems to be a less popular choice with the general public. HANDOUTS

Who made the best Bond?

MOVIE STARS

People's favourite 007 often the one they saw first

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Who's your favourite James Bond? This weekend Daniel Craig suits up again, taking his fourth spin as the super spy in *Spectre*. The film's overseas reviews have been very strong and it will likely dominate the weekend's box office but who among us would call Craig the best Bond?

I have a theory that the Bond

nearest and dearest to your heart is the first 007 you saw projected on the big screen.

Popular consensus tells us that Sean Connery, who played the role in six films spanning 1962 To 1971 and then once again in 1983's non-officially sanctioned *Never Say Never Again*, is the best Bond. As cool as Connery was he isn't my top of the pops. Dr. No, the first 007 movie, came out before I was born and Connery more or less permanently parked his Aston Martin around the time I entered grade two.

The Bond that made the biggest impression on me was Roger Moore. I know critically speaking he wasn't the most beloved Bond. Pauline Kael once wrote about him, "Roger Moore is dutiful and passive as Bond; his clothes are neatly pressed



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Spectre ★★★★★
The Peanuts Movie ★★★
Miss You Already ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★★ SEE IT
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and he shows up for work, like an office manager who is turning into dead wood but hanging on to collect his pension."

I also know that hardcore spy fans considered Moore too well-mannered and pleasant to be effective, but he was my first, and I guess the first cut is the deepest because I still have a fondness for his breezy take on the super agent.

But that's just me.

To get a broader picture I did a highly scientific Double-Blind

Bond Peer Reviewed In House Clinical Trial (in other words I asked my Facebook and Twitter friends) to determine the world's favourite 007 portrayer.

The contenders were Connery, George Lazenby, Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and Craig — everyone who has played Bond in one of the 24 officially sanctioned 007 movies.

Several contributors brought up others like Barry Nelson, who played James Bond in a 1954 television adaptation of

Casino Royale. Also mentioned were David Niven's turn as Bond in 1967's *Casino Royale* and another actor who has never played 007. "Clive Owen," suggested one poster, "once they get around to casting him in the next one."

After eliminating the unofficial 007s and non-Bonds a team of experts (OK, it was just me reading through the posts as Live and Let Die played on the TV behind me) sifted through the results.

Pollsters said Brosnan Is Not Enough to '90s Bond Pierce Brosnan who came in dead last with just 1.9 per cent of the vote.

"I liked Pierce Brosnan because he embodied all the others combined," wrote one positive poster. "Charm, humour, ruthlessness, cunning."

Timothy Dalton earned 3.9

per cent with one respondent saying, "If there really was an agent who was an assassin with a licence to kill ... it would be him."

At 9.8 per cent, George Lazenby fared better than Brosnan and Dalton even though he only made one 007 film.

My favourite Bond came in third with 15.6 per cent, just behind Daniel Craig's 21.5 per cent. "Craig gets me wanting to watch whereas the others are placeholders," wrote a Facebook friend, "Sorry."

By far and away, Sean Connery was the winner with a whopping 39.2 per cent of the vote. This comment seems to sum up the reason why people like him. "Sean Connery because Sean Connery!"

Who is your favourite Bond? Chime in at @metropicks.

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Toni Collette and Drew Barrymore star in Catherine Hardwicke's *Miss You Already*, a 'life-affirming' movie about friendship, love and a cancer diagnosis



Drew Barrymore and Toni Collette are two inseparable girlfriends in *Miss You Already*. CONTRIBUTED

Drew all grown up

Drew Barrymore gets excited about ideas, work, memories and friends, drops an occasional F-bomb, adores her kids, "these baby girls who are everything in my universe" and wishes "every billboard in the world" carried the message that life begins at 40.

In September, the morning after Catherine Hardwicke's dramedy *Miss You Already* had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, Barrymore praised *Miss You Already* co-star Toni Collette, who plays self-absorbed wild child Milly to Barrymore's rock-steady Jess, two long-time girlfriends dealing with motherhood, relationships and unexpected tragedy.

Miss You Already opens in theatres today.

"I feel like I've been like Milly in my life at some points, but I'm much more like Jess now in my life," says Barrymore. Her often-tumultuous childhood led to rebellious teenage and young adult years. It's all out there; her 1990 autobiography *Little Girl Lost*, details everything.

"*Little Girl Lost* is a let-me-try-to-put-my-life-back-together



“**(*Miss You Already* is) such a love story for women and all being done by women.**

Drew Barrymore

written by, honestly, another man (Todd Gold). He did the typing, I did the talking," says Barrymore.

She's written her own story now, a series of essays and reflections on various stages of her life called *Wildflower*. An early version of the book peeks out from her tote bag, the pages dog-eared from proofreading.

"I think you will be very surprised," Barrymore says of *Wildflower*. "It's a shuffled deck. It goes from (age) 5 to 35 to 7 to 18."

Married since 2012 to art consultant Will Kopelman, the couple has two daughters: Olive, soon to be 3, and Frankie, 17 months. Since motherhood she's pulled back from acting to focus on family. "I can't tell you the beauty of how much room that makes for other things," Barrymore says of step-

ping away from the "5 a.m. to midnight" world of acting. "It makes room for me to be the kind of parent I want to be."

But she does occasionally say yes, even if, as with *Miss You Already*, the timing isn't ideal.

"That's why I was so angry when (*Miss You Already*) came my way," Barrymore says. "I had just had my second daughter, Frankie, and I was like, 'I can't even read this. How am I going to do this?'"

Making a film that was "such a love story for women and all being done by women, I got really drawn into what that would be," Barrymore said. "And maybe my girls when they're older can watch this and the whole womanly aspect of it, (which) felt really safe and appropriate for where I was at that moment in my life."

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Toni gets teary eyed

Miss You Already aims to bob along at a buoyant, lively pace even while staring intently at the reality of a cancer diagnosis.

Toni Collette's Milly flashes bartenders and commandeers cabs for impromptu roadtrips, while also dealing frankly with hair loss, life-altering surgery and sudden bouts of nausea.

Director Catherine Hardwicke recalled when her father had cancer he still made "wicked jokes, even at the last minute." She and Collette talked to cancer survivors to ensure they were getting other details right, and they were validated by the response of those who have seen the film.

Still, the movie is definitely a three-hankie weeper. Even Collette can't help crying when talking about her character, Milly, the former wild-child mother of two whose world shatters when she's diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Every time — I'm going to start crying thinking about it, sorry — every time we got to the scene where Milly has to tell her daughter goodbye, I just couldn't (do) it," said Collette, mom of a son and daughter, wiping away tears. "It still



“**It's a film about friendship and love — all you have to do is be human to relate.**

Toni Collette

gets to me. It must be one of the hardest things you'd have to do if you were facing your own mortality."

It's also a story about enduring female friendship. Milly's lifelong sidekick Jess (Drew Barrymore) is her rock, but even their bond is tested by Milly's illness and changes in Jess's life. When Collette hears people are compelled to call their best friend as soon as they came out of the theatre, "Drew and I are like, high five, we've done our job."

Australian Collette, 43, first captivated moviegoers as marriage-minded, ABBA-loving Muriel Heslop in *Muriel's Wedding* in 1994. She was nominated for an Oscar for *The Sixth Sense* and went on to star in *About a Boy*, *Little Miss Sunshine* and *The Way Way Back*, while earning critical praise

and a Golden Globe for handling multiple roles in *Diablo Cody's* Showtime TV series, *The United States of Tara*.

"I have somehow avoided categorization. I remember when *Muriel's Wedding* came out ... and people were sending similar characters to Muriel," she says. "But I knew not to play the same character. Once I've done it, it's out of my system," she says.

The character in *Miss You Already* that she initially wanted to play was Jess. "(But) Jennifer Aniston was playing my part and for whatever reason she dropped out. A friend said you should be playing the hot mess and I said, 'You're f---ing right!' I rang the producer and said, 'It's over. I'm playing Milly.'"

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A short history of the James Bond songs that finished second

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada



Spectre, the 24th movie in the James Bond franchise, has its North American premiere today. As usual, the film begins with an OTT action sequence (shot with 1,500 extras in Mexico City) before segueing into Sam Smith's Writing on the Wall and the opening titles. It's rumoured his song, written in half an hour with collaborator Jimmy Napes,

beat out submissions by Lana Del Rey, Ed Sheeran, Florence and the Machine, Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, Muse, Radiohead (the bookies' favourite) and half a dozen others.

Having your song chosen as a theme in the most successful movie franchise is a big honour, not to mention lucrative.

Smith's Writing became the first Bond theme to reach No. 1 in the U.K., something that even Paul McCartney couldn't manage with Live and Let Die (the BEST Bond theme ever. Don't even try



So these songs are gone forever, right? Not a chance. As with most things, what might have been is a just a YouTube search away.

to argue with me.)

Del Rey, Sheeran, Florence et al have joined a long list of Bond theme also-rans. Rejected Bond songs would make an interesting album.

Debbie Harry's submission for For Your Eyes Only (1981)

was passed over Sheena Easton's song of the same name, which just happened to be co-written by Bill Conti, the composer of the film's score. Alice Cooper really wanted the song gig for The Man with the Golden Gun (1974) but he should have prob-

ably thrown in more lyrical references to the movie. He lost out to Lulu who had her song written and arranged by John Barry, who scored the whole film.

In retrospect, it would have been much cooler to hear Johnny Cash sing over the opening credits of Thunderball (1965) instead of Tom Jones, but at the time, Cash's image didn't exactly scream James Bond. He was in good company, though. Dionne Warwick and Shirley Bassey also had their songs rejected.

There was a ton of competi-

tion for Tomorrow Never Dies (1997) with KD Lang, Pulp, The Fixx, Saint Etienne and Swan Lee all submitting songs for consideration but they all lost to Sheryl Crow.

Other Bond losers include, Laura Branigan (Octopussy, 1983), Ace of Base (Goldeneye, 1995) and Straw (The World Is Not Enough, 1999) and Shirley Bassey (again, this time for Quantum of Solace, 2008). There are also stories of Bond flirting by the Pet Shop Boys, The Pretenders and even the Beach Boys.

SIR WILLIAM STEPHENSON

The real-life spy who inspired Fleming

One of the world's greatest spies was an operative for England with an affinity for martinis, a suave rapport with elite power players, and an uncanny ability to infiltrate and eliminate threats.

This isn't the fictional James Bond we're talking about, but the real-life Sir William Stephenson — a quiet Canadian code-named Intrepid who many believe inspired author Ian Fleming to create his over-the-top British spy hero.

"Without doubt, Fleming's idea of James Bond is based on Sir William," says Cord Hart, a former CIA operative and U.S. Army colonel who got to know Stephenson through intelligence circles in the early '80s.

With the latest instalment in the bombastic 007 franchise, Spectre, hitting theatres Friday, descendants and admirers of the late Winnipeg-born war hero say Stephenson's impressive exploits are too little known.

"I always tell people he's the most famous Winnipegger of all time," says Heartland Travel and Tours owner Don Finkbeiner, whose tours include a stop at a bronze life-size statue of Stephenson near the Manitoba



Sir William Stephenson.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

legislature.

"Nobody even comes close. And I would suggest he's the most famous Canadian of all time."

Of course, the fact that many of Stephenson's activities were clandestine makes for murky claims to the Bond title. Not to mention the fact Fleming has said he based the character on several people he met throughout the course of his wartime naval career.

But advocates seize on Fleming's oft-cited comment that Bond was "a highly romanticized version of a true spy."

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The behind-the-scenes drama on the Spectre set included the secretive script being leaked in the Sony hack. HANDOUT

The off-screen drama

SPECTRE

If you don't like problems, don't become a film producer

Before James Bond could even get himself into his first pickle, a shadowy international threat loomed.

About a week into shooting Spectre, James Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson got some bad news.

Not only had a draft of the highly secretive script been leaked in the infamous Sony hack, but it came along with a slew of private communications about the film, highlighting its third act problems, multiple rewrites, ballooning budget and one very significant spoiler.

Broccoli and Wilson didn't find this out from the Internet or even Sony — the distributor and co-financier on Spectre.

They read about it in a newspaper. With phone lines and email servers down, they couldn't even get in touch with their partners in the immediate aftermath.

"It was a bit tricky for us," Broccoli acknowledged.

But beyond making sure the copyrighted script was taken offline, she said they essentially just proceeded with making the film.

"You know what they say, you shouldn't see how a sausage is made," Wilson said in a recent phone interview from Mexico City.

He and his step-sister Broccoli were in the capital to attend a premiere of Spectre, the 24th in the 53-year-old film series, which bows in North

America this Friday.

The purported drama that the hacked emails exposed is no more or less than they've experienced on any other film in the franchise, noted Broccoli in the phone interview.

"They're challenging films to make because of the size of what we do," she said. "I always say, if you don't like problems, don't become a film producer."

Spectre certainly doesn't skimp on size. The film, which finds the martini-swilling spy on a multi-continent quest, opens with a complicated tracking shot in the streets of Mexico City for the Day of the Dead parade, featuring over 1,500 extras dressed and painted to perfection.

It required 1,500 unique costumes, 75 costumers, five months of preparation, two helicopters and police escorts

for the buses used to transport the extras.

And that's only one of the film's exotic set pieces. There's also the 400 tons of man-made snow that they had to use in Austria, the 18 nights they spent shooting a car chase in Rome, and the sand storms and 113-degree temperatures they found in Erfoud, Morocco.

The film's budget is reported to be near \$250 million.

But Bond is big business and the series has been on an upswing.

The last film, Skyfall, was produced for a reported \$150-\$200 million and became the highest grossing Bond film ever with over \$1.1 billion in ticket sales worldwide.

Spectre sees the return of Skyfall director Sam Mendes and star Daniel Craig in his fourth film as 007.

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Not every adaptation of a show stays faithful. With The Peanuts Movie hitting theatres — and in a beautifully exact (if high-def) simulacrum of the strip's storied TV specials, complete with actual kids doing the voices — here's a look at other movies that got it right **MATT PRIGGE/METRO NEW YORK**



1 And Now for Something Completely Different (1971)

Source: Monty Python's Flying Circus

As a troupe and individually, Monty Python made several landmark films that kept the spirit of their experimental sketch show without actually being them. But their first movie was exactly like the show. In fact it was simply a best-of sketch cavalcade, with greatest hits (the parrot sketch, The Lumberjack Song, Upper-Class Twit of the Year, etc.) re-shot, and with no laugh-track. The reason? They wanted to invade America and no one had heard of them. Monty Python and the Holy Grail would take care of that better than their cinematic debut, but it's still a fine entrypoint for newbs.



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2 The Naked Gun (1988)

Source: Police Squad!

Doing a film of Police Squad! made sense: The show, which ran for only six episodes in 1982, found David and Jerry Zucker plus Jim Abraham (a.k.a. ZAZ) trying to do for TV what they had done with Airplane! on film. In fact, it was the quick jokes and never-ceasing sight gags that got it yanked from the air; as one exec infamously said, it didn't work because it required viewers actually pay attention. So back to film they went, keeping pretty much everything but adding big (or, well, biggish) names like George Kennedy, Priscilla Presley, Ricardo Montalban and O.J. Simpson, who spends the film either physically abused or hospitalized.



3 South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999) Source: South Park

There's tons of swearing, a couple of big-name cameo voices, a barrage of musical numbers and even a couple effects that are more than two guys working with construction paper. But the South Park movie, which hit theatres in the midst of the show's third season, is basically the same thing, only better than usual. Indeed, if it did anything it established that the show was no fluke, and that creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone had a true, unique angle on America, repression, hypocrisy and anything else they saw fit to satirize. After this the show would be even more giddy about tackling hot button topics, to all of society's betterment.



4 Jackass: The Movie (2002), Jackass 2 (2006), Jackass 3-D (2010) Source: Jackass

Like the South Park movie, the inevitable Jackass movies were bigger and raunchier but essentially the same thing. In this case, the films are mere conveyor belts of gross-out stunts and body trauma, exploring what the physique can take or how far the squad members will go in the pursuit of their, um, craft. Not that they were simply TV on movie screens: by the third we get dildos flying out of the screen in beautiful 3D — surely one of the more original uses of a technology too often used for the truly crass and lowest common denominator.



TV PREMIERE

Khloe to chat with kin and confidantes over Kocktails

Khloe Kardashian's new talk show has a premiere date. The FYI channel says Kocktails With Khloe will start Jan. 20. It will be the gathering place for celebrity friends and family, who will join her on a set that replicates a home environment, complete with dining area and a functional kitchen. There will be eight weekly episodes, FYI said Thursday.

She's been part of her family's TV empire in shows including Keeping Up With the Kardashians and Khloe and Lamar, which featured NBA star Lamar Odom, her husband from whom she later filed for divorce.

She recently halted divorce proceedings as Odom recovers from an apparent overdose of cocaine and other drugs at a Nevada brothel, where last month he was found unconscious. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



ANGIE TRIBECA

It's a mega-marathon start for TBS comedy



Rashida Jones. MICHAEL KOVAC/GETTY IMAGES FOR VANITY FAIR

The TBS comedy Angie Tribeca is getting a launch even NASA might envy.

Starring Rashida Jones, the zany police procedural will let viewers binge-watch its entire first season by airing all 10 half-hour episodes from start to finish not once, but five times in a row, commercial-free. This 25-hour marathon begins Sunday, Jan. 17. Then on Monday, Jan. 25, TBS will begin rolling out what it calls the series'

"second" season — 10 more half-hours that will air weekly.

The series follows a squad of LAPD detectives who investigate cases ranging from the murder of a ventriloquist to a rash of baker suicides.

Jones (Parks and Recreation) plays Detective Angie Tribeca, with Jere Burns (Justified, Breaking Bad) as her harried captain. The series is produced by Steve and Nancy Carell.

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A golf getaway with star power

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Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada

Even now, almost 30 years after his wildly publicized reign as the town's mayor, Clint Eastwood remains a towering figure in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Tourists fantasize about bumping into him at his restaurant at Mission Ranch, the Hollywood icon's nine-hectare property just outside of town, and look for him as they explore the tony streets and hidden courtyards of this unendingly charming coastal community on California's Monterey Peninsula.

But these days Eastwood is more likely to be found teeing it up at nearby Pebble Beach Golf Links, the fabled course he co-owns with Arnold Palmer and former Major League Baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

One of the finest, most dramatic courses anywhere, Pebble Beach is the undisputed golf headliner of a famously seductive peninsula two hours south of San Francisco that includes the communities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Seaside and Pebble Beach.

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Co-owned by Clint Eastwood, Pebble Beach golf course in Monterey, Calif., offers dramatic views from its emerald fairways. ISTOCK

Monterey Peninsula.

Pebble Beach's sister courses, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and the Links at Spanish Bay, both offer spectacular ocean views at more palatable prices.

Another local beauty is Del Monte Golf Course, opened in 1897 and the oldest course in continuous operation west of the Mississippi. Two recently renovated layouts, Poppy Hills Golf Club and Quail Lodge Golf Course, are also highly regarded designs.

And a special favourite of knowledgeable golfers is Pacific Grove Golf Links, an affordable oceanfront beauty known as the "other Pebble."

Between rounds, head back to Carmel to explore a coastal town jam-packed with upscale restaurants, hidden courtyards, quirky passageways, au courant art galleries and elegantly cosy inns.

One of the most popular places to stay is Cypress Inn, co-owned by another Hollywood legend and local resident, Doris Day. The hit recordings of the now 91-year-old Day are piped into the 44 sunny rooms of the 1929 local landmark.

Carmel's small downtown is an architectural mishmash of English-style country houses, Swiss chalets and, most notably, the 21 whimsical fairy tale



Main Street in Carmel-by-the-Sea. ISTOCK

cottages built by local architect Hugh Comstock starting in the 1920s. Eastwood, who was elected for a two-year term

in 1986 on a pro-progress platform, dismissed these Comstock Cottages as "Smurf homes."

Once a bohemian refuge for

artists such as writer Jack London and photographers Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Carmel now numbers among the most exclusive addresses in California. Real estate prices soar ever higher on the approach to Carmel Bay, where the sea ebbs and crashes against a long white-sand beach.

Glimpsed at cliff-top across the bay are the emerald fairways of famed Pebble Beach, for golfers the most alluring of all the wonders on the Monterey Peninsula.

For more golf destinations, visit Brian's website at canadiangolftraveller.com

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Park City, Utah. CONTRIBUTED

Travel field journal
New book *Do Big Small Things* inspires readers to connect with the transformative power of travel. Written by travel company G Adventures founder Bruce Poon Tip, it functions as a type of visual workbook, where you are encouraged to record the essence of your trips, however far-flung or close to home, and share the creativity online. \$30 (Collins), DoBigSmallThings.com.



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Bucket list: Osaka
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Tips for booking your sun holiday

ON THE MOVE

All-inclusive resort evolves, Cuba beckons

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada



Attention sun seekers: There are a few things you need to bear in mind as you plan your winter vacation.

It is not going to be a great year for cheap and cheerful deals. Most tour operators do their contracting in U.S. dollars so the unfavourable exchange rate means sun holidays will be harder on the wallet.

Additionally, it is shaping up to be a strong El Niño winter, which means cooler temperatures in closer (and typically cheaper) destinations like Florida, Bahamas, Cuba and parts of Mexico. Although it is impossible to fully predict the weather, those craving heat are advised to drop a few extra dollars and go a little farther south.

According to the Caribbean



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Tourism Organization, the Dutch island of Curaçao, located just 60 kilometres north of Venezuela, is the fastest-growing Caribbean destination for Canadians. Transat begins its inaugural flights to the island in December.

Resorts go upscale

The all-inclusive resort continues to evolve, going more upscale with better food, decor, service and higher-end liquor choices. Karisma Hotels, for example, are branding themselves as gourmet

inclusive versus all-inclusive because of their all à-la-carte dining — no buffets and no reservations required.

Hyatt has broken into the all-inclusive market with upscale resorts such as the Hyatt Ziva and Hyatt Zilara, and

mega resorts such as Casa de Campo in Dominican Republic continue to grow in popularity.

Spanning 7,000 tropical acres, Casa de Campo is home to three golf courses, a 370-slip Marina and Yacht Club, a

polo club and Altos de Chavón, an artisan's village modelled after a 16th-century Mediterranean city with boutiques, museums and a 5,000-seat Grecian-style amphitheatre.

Hot spots

Destinations in Central America such as Roatán, Honduras, are growing in popularity. Panama has opened a new airport in Río Hato, drastically cutting the transfer time to many of that country's most popular resorts.

Tourism to Cuba is up almost 25 per cent as Canadians race to see it before the country opens up to the wider U.S. market. A great option for those wanting to explore this gem of a destination is Cuba Cruise.

Introduced just two years ago, this small ship offers a seven-night itinerary that circumnavigates the island, stopping at the less-travelled ports of Cienfuegos, Santiago de Cuba and exotic Maria la Gorda. It also includes an overnight stay in the lively capital of Havana and the chance to snorkel above colourful coral reefs.

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Case against Kane dropped

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Investigation was 'rife with reasonable doubt'

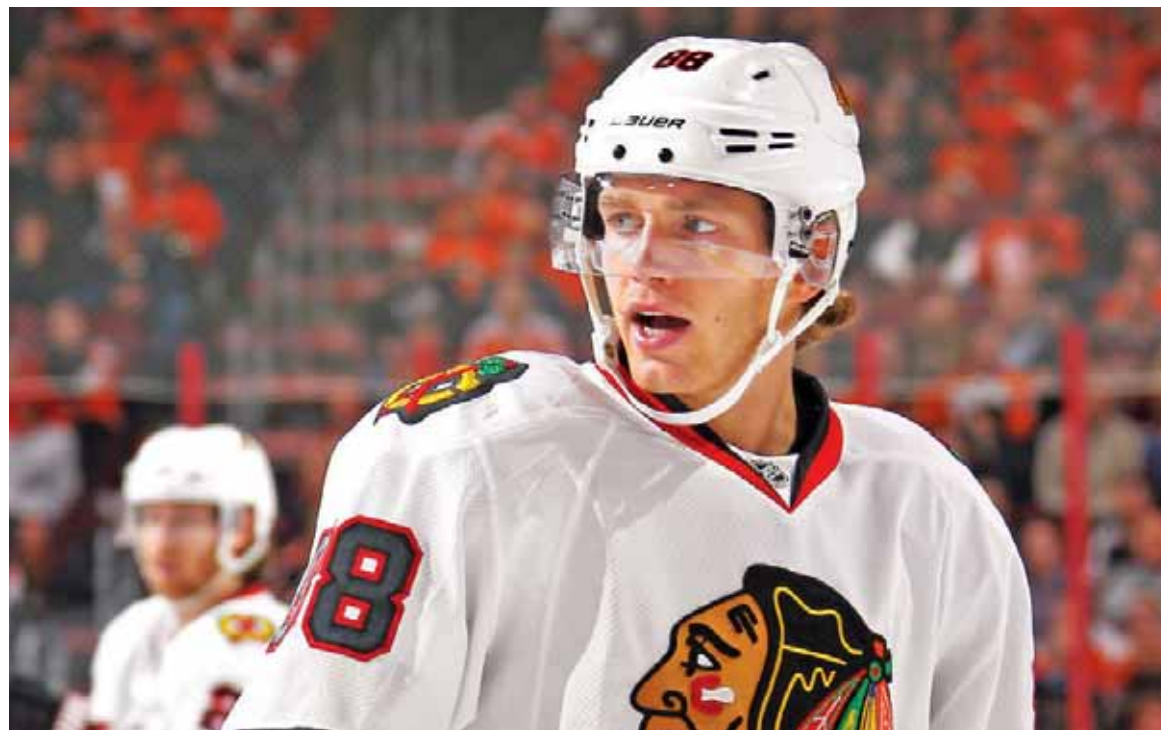
Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane can focus solely on his NHL career after avoiding criminal charges in a rape investigation, with prosecutors ending a bizarre three-month ordeal that put one of hockey's biggest stars at the centre of intense speculation and criticism.

Prosecutors announced Thursday they declined to file charges against Kane because of a lack of credible evidence in a case "rife with reasonable doubt." The accuser signed an affidavit saying she did not want to press charges, prosecutors said.

Roland Cercone, a lawyer for the 21-year-old woman who made the accusation, did not return messages seeking comment from The Associated Press. A person who answered the accuser's mother's cellphone hung up Thursday when contacted by The AP.

Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita said a three-month investigation found that physical and forensic evidence "tend to contradict" the accuser's claim that she was raped on Aug. 2 at Kane's off-season home outside Buffalo.

"The DNA results lend no corroboration whatsoever to the complainant's claim," said Sedita, who decided against presenting the case to a grand



A 21-year-old woman accused Patrick Kane of raping her this past summer. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

jury for possible charges.

"I have repeatedly said that I did nothing wrong," Kane said in a statement issued by the Blackhawks. "I have respected the legal process and I am glad that this matter has now been closed and I will have nothing further to say going forward."

It's not immediately clear whether Kane could face disciplinary action from the National Hockey League. Deputy commissioner Bill Daly said

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Kane entered Thursday third in league scoring with 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) in 13 games.

the league wouldn't comment until reviewing the prosecutor's findings.

At 26, Kane is one of the

NHL's top young stars and has won three Stanley Cup championships in Chicago over the past six years, including last season.

He had been in trouble before, too, arrested after an altercation with a cab driver in Buffalo in the summer of 2009. Photos of him partying are easily found online.

But the assault case brought by a woman he had met at a nightclub was by far the most

serious allegation Kane had faced.

The high-profile investigation led to Kane's removal from the cover of a popular NHL video game and fan chants of "She said no!" and "No means no!" during a couple of early road games.

"We knew all along that Patrick didn't do anything wrong," his agent, Pat Brisson, said in a text to The Associated Press.

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IN BRIEF

Canadian women blanked by U.S. at Four Nations Cup

The Canadian women's hockey team fell 3-0 to the United States in the preliminary round of the Four Nations Cup on Thursday.

Monique Lamoureux and Megan Bozak scored in the second period and Kendall Coyne added an empty-net goal for the U.S. (2-0).

Canada (1-1) faces host Sweden (0-2) on Saturday in the annual women international tournament, while the U.S. faces Finland on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vegas to host men's world curling championship

The 2018 men's world curling championship will be held in Las Vegas.

The World Curling Federation chose the gambling and nightlife hotspot because of the success of the 2014 World Financial Group Continental Cup, which drew over 50,000 spectators to the Orleans Hotel and Casino. The Continental Cup returns to Las Vegas in January, 2016.

Sweden's Niklas Edin won the 2015 men's world title in Halifax. The championship heads to Basel, Switzerland, in 2016 and then to Canada to a city yet to be named in 2017. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royals pick up options on Davis and Escobar

The World Series champion Kansas City Royals have exercised their \$8-million option on all-star closer Wade Davis and a \$5.25-million option on all-star shortstop Alcides Escobar, while declining a \$3-million option on outfielder Jonny Gomes.

The moves Thursday came one day all-star outfielder Alex Gordon declined his \$13.75-million player option and the Royals also declined options on outfielder Alex Rios and starting pitcher Jeremy Guthrie.

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Alcides Escobar GETTY IMAGES

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Babcock chosen over Quenneville to coach Canada

When the Colorado Avalanche fired Joel Quenneville in 2008, Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock invited him to join his staff as an assistant.

While that didn't work out, Babcock and Quenneville will now be working together on Canada's World Cup of Hockey team. Babcock is back as the head coach after winning back-to-back Olympic gold, but not without the management group giving strong consideration to hiring Quenneville.

"It was a two-horse race for me," Canadian general manager

Doug Armstrong said Thursday. "I wasn't torn on the final decision, but I thought we had to give Joel Quenneville the opportunity for us to discuss him. You just can't get past three Stanley Cups in six years. What excites me is having both guys on the staff."

Babcock has never lost with Canada in international competition, winning gold at the 1997 world junior championships, 2004 world championships and then the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. Hockey Canada president and CEO Tom Renney called Bab-

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When they asked me, obviously I was thrilled.
Mike Babcock

cock's international excellence the "tipping point."

The current Toronto Maple Leafs coach also won the Stanley Cup with the Red Wings in 2008. Of course it was his



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coaching in Vancouver and Sochi that earned him another chance at the World Cup.

"I believe in hockey, I believe in the game, I believe in Canada, and I think it's

important that we continue to do everything we can to stay on top and so I like being part of it," Babcock said.

Joining Babcock and Quenneville in undertaking this challenge are assistants Claude Julien of the Boston Bruins, Barry Trotz of the Washington Capitals and Bill Peters of the Carolina Hurricanes.

Quenneville will run Canada's defence, Trotz and Julien will focus on special teams and Peters will be in charge of pre-scouting like Ralph Krueger was at the Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ditching Native American mascots

CAMPAIGN

Adidas offers schools help in ridding divisive symbolism

Adidas is offering to help high schools across the United States drop Native American mascots.

The athletic shoe and apparel maker said Thursday it will provide free design resources to schools looking to shelve Native American mascots, nicknames, imagery or symbolism. The German company also pledged to provide financial support to ensure the cost of changing is not prohibitive.

Adidas announced the initiative in conjunction with the White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, which includes leaders from the 567 federally recognized tribes.

The company, which has its North American headquarters in Portland, Ore., also said it will be a founding member of a coalition that addresses Native American mascots in sports.

According to the group Change the Mascot, there are about 2,000 schools nationwide that have Native American mascots. The advocacy group says about a dozen schools have dropped Native mascots over the past two years and another 20 are considering a change.

Eric Liedtke, Adidas head of global brands who was at the



Last month, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law that prohibits schools from using the term "Redskins." GETTY IMAGES FILE

Washington conference, said sports must be inclusive.

"Today's announcement is a great way for us to offer up our resources to schools that want to do what's right - to adminis-



Ultimately, it's the teams, athletes, coaches and fans who decide what changes they want to make. Statement released by Adidas

trators, teachers, students and athletes who want to make a difference in their lives and in their world," Liedtke said in a statement. "Our intention is to help break down any barriers

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Adidas set up an email address for schools wishing to inquire about the service: mascotchange@adidas.com.

to change — change that can lead to a more respectful and inclusive environment for all American athletes."

Speaking to young Native Americans attending the conference, President Barack Obama applauded Adidas.

"I tell you, for Adidas to make that commitment, it's a very smart thing to do," Obama said. "Because those schools now really don't have an excuse. What they're saying is one of the top sports companies in the world, one of the top brands in the world, is prepared to come and use all their expertise to come up with something that's really going to work; and that the entire community can feel proud of and can bring people together and give a fresh start."

The voluntary program would give schools access to the company's design team for logo redesign and uniform design across all sports. It seeks to be a collaborative effort with schools.

Adidas emphasized the initiative only involves high schools, and that the company is not mandating that schools change mascots and nicknames.

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CFL AWARDS

Outstanding player nominee for Burris after big season

Quarterback Henry Burris was a unanimous selection as the Ottawa Redblacks outstanding player nominee while '14 Grey Cup MVP Bo Levi Mitchell got the nod for the Calgary Stampeders and injured quarterback Zach Collaros was

voted the Hamilton Tiger-Cats outstanding player.

Burris, 40, leads the CFL in passing (5,335 yards) with a 70.7 completion percentage and has been instrumental in the resurgence of Ottawa, which heads into the final

week of the regular season leading the East with an 11-6 record after going

2-16 in its inaugural 2014 campaign. Meanwhile, Jeff Knox Jr., and Jamaal Westerman have made quite an impact in their CFL debuts.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker and Winnipeg Blue Bombers defensive lineman both received three nominations in balloting for the CFL's individual awards Thursday.

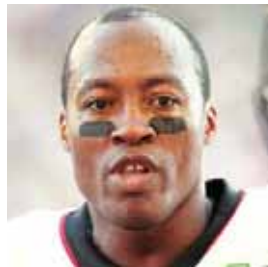
Knox was a unanimous pick

as Saskatchewan's outstanding player, defensive player and rookie while Westerman was a unanimous selection as Winnipeg's top Canadian and also got the nod as top player and defensive player.

Knox has been a bright spot for Saskatchewan (2-15), having recorded a team-record 107 tackles to stand second only to Adam Bighill of the B.C. Lions (117). The other top

player award nominees were quarterbacks Trevor Harris of the Toronto Argonauts and Mike Reilly of the Edmonton Eskimos. Harris is tops in TD passes (32) and interceptions (18) and third in passing yards (4,144) but recently was replaced as Toronto's starter by veteran Ricky Ray.

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RECIPE Roasted Dijon Chicken



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This cosy dinner is the perfect way to end the week. It's in the oven just long to whip of some mashed potatoes to serve with it.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 minced shallot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions

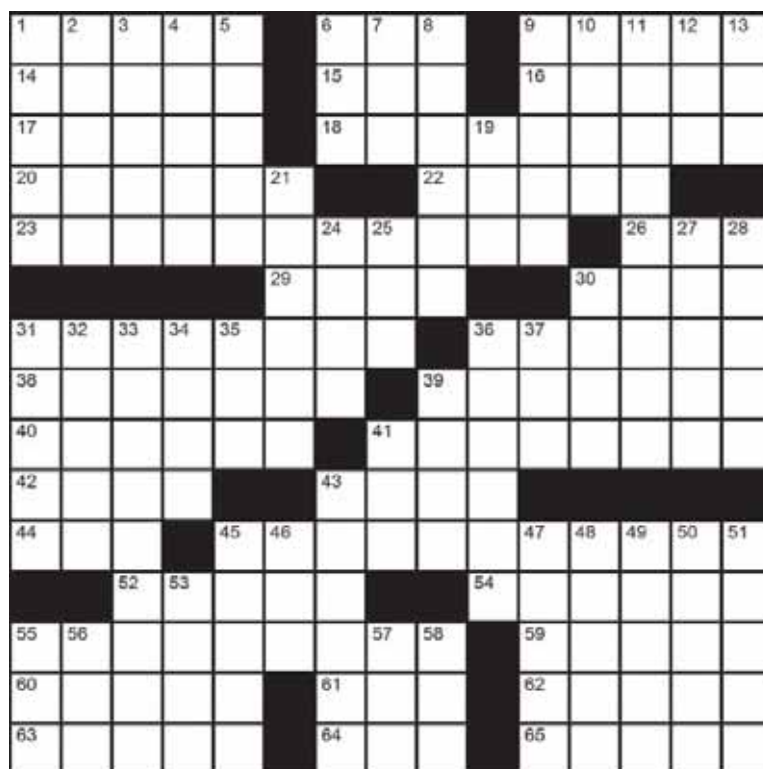
1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper.
2. Add oil to a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes (the meat will not be cooked through).
3. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.
4. Transfer chicken pieces to a platter. Return skillet to medium heat and add shallots and garlic; cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm. Serve with our favourite sides.

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ACROSS

1. Building's construction details, commonly
6. Initials-sharers of Jane Eyre's author
9. "... goes something like this..." (Singer's intro for the song)
14. _-eyed
15. Sales pro
16. Ms. Carter of country tunes
17. Amber, for example
18. Like the still-there pile that still hasn't been taken away
20. Zoroastrianism sacred texts
22. Still _ _ (Maya Angelou poem)
23. Senate of Canada... Creature which is one of the symbols on the coffered ceiling of The Red Chamber: 2 wds.
26. Rapsallion
29. Mistake-maker's reaction
30. Triad
31. Moustache-growing fundraising month
36. Fierce frowns
38. Ticklish music keys
39. Goopy/gravy fries order in Canada
40. : ...and : : :
41. Formally called forth
42. Tosses out
43. Celebrity
44. Sort of salute
45. Green-headed bird commemorated as a



- roadside attraction in the Village of Andrew in Alberta: 2 wds.
- Leisurely walk along
- Console
- One might require you to fast ahead of time: 2 wds.
- Insert

60. Trunk
61. "Hurray!"
62. Scoundrel's smile
63. Naomi of "King Kong" (2005)
64. Undercover agent
65. Dawdle

DOWN

1. Barnyard bedding
2. Vex
3. Art studio stand
4. Illusionist Mr. Angel
5. New Wave band's piano, for short
6. French vineyard

7. Mr. Stiller
8. Parsley amounts
9. _ _ Assistant (Office gig)
10. Modernists
11. Thunder Bay born member of downhill skiing's famous 'Crazy Canucks': 2 wds.
12. 'Serpent' suffix
13. Little bit
19. 'Ranch' suffix
21. Sun-dried bricks
24. Egg masses
25. Umbrella mo.
27. Last name of Kanga's creator
28. Modelled
30. L. Frank Baum dog
31. Super tiny
32. Egg-shaped
33. Lord _ (J.K. Rowling villain)
34. Cupid's Greek counterpart
35. Maximum opp.
36. Infomercial pioneer Suzanne
37. Magna _ laude
39. Athletic brand
41. "My Gal _" (1942)
43. Philadelphia players
45. Early platform for PCs
46. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
47. Bible-sounding verb
48. "Last Dance" singer Ms. Summer
49. Speak
50. Support the sport with a shout!
51. John _ , U.S. Secretary of State
53. Jacob van _ the Elder (Flemish painter)
55. "One more thing..." on the Web
56. Mauna _ (Hawaiian volcano)
57. Devilize
58. Posh-style 'your'

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Push yourself forward and show the world what you are capable of. Today's Sun-Pluto link will make you more ambitious than usual, so any opportunities that come your way will be gratefully received, and used.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Others can wallow in self-pity but you will keep a positive attitude. If bad news arrives from out of the blue today stay focused on what needs to get done.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't keep your hopes and dreams to yourself. The more people understand what it is you are hoping to achieve the more likely it is you will get assistance from them.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It may feel as if you have a mountain to climb, and maybe you have, but don't doubt that you will reach the top. You have what it takes to succeed and you have powerful people on your side. Use them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Look ahead and getting ready to meet the challenges that you know are coming your way. Plan your strategy in as much detail as possible.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't take anything too seriously and don't get angry with people who seem to think the world is coming to an end. There is a lot of hysteria at the moment, but you don't have to join in the stupidity.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone who can usually be counted on to support you with no questions asked will wonder aloud today if you know what you are doing. You do. Ask them why they no longer have faith in you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you push yourself beyond your usual limits you will find your second wind and overcome challenges with ease. You know what needs to be done and you can manage it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are acting suspiciously. Others think you have something to hide. Whatever your secret, they will find out sooner or later. Why not confess and get it over with?

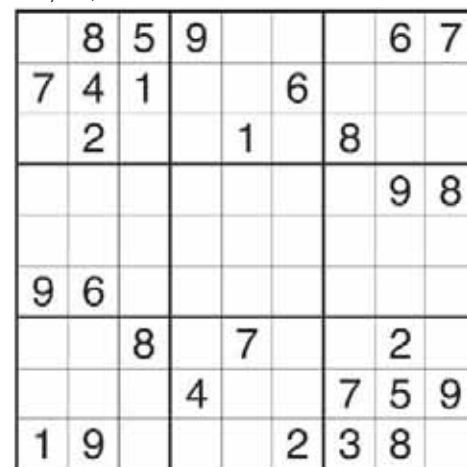
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Not everyone can be as confident and adventurous as you, so make allowances for those who don't want to follow your lead. A little caution might be a good thing. This is not a day to take too many risks.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Get yourself noticed. If you are a typical Aquarius you don't really care what other people think of you but it's in your interests now to at least look as if you do.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Money worries have caused you a lot of sleepless nights but it won't be long before your financial problems are solved. That is not an excuse to go on yet another spending binge.

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